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The reply brief filed 15 December 2009 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

The pending claims remain rejected for the reasons of record.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Scott Long whose telephone number is 571-272-9048. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday, 9am - 5pm. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Joseph Woitach, can be reached on 571-272-0739. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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